

Title: Need to advise the Government of Tamil Nadu to release water from Parambikulam Dam to Uppar Dam for the benefit of the farmers.

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SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): In my Parliamentary Constituency, in Vellakoil Assembly segment, Parambikulam Aliyaru-Uppar Dam was constructed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. About 6,000 acres of land have been included in the Ayacut. The people of that region are mostly agriculturists and are dependent on the dam water only. Previously the 6000 acres were non-cultivable lands. After construction of the dam, the above lands were altered, developed as a very good agricultural cultivable land by the farmers with their hard work. Thousands of agricultural labourers are surviving with the help of the dam water only.

In the recent past, the Public Works Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, took the above dam from Parambikulam Aliyaru Dam to Amravathi basin.

Actually the Uppar Dam was constructed to store the excess water from Parambikulam Aliyaru Dam. Thirumoorthy Dam water is also diverted to Uppar Dam. Due to that now water is not flowing to the above Upper Dam. For the past

four years, the farmers are not getting adequate water for irrigation, drinking and for their cattle. Even though there is sufficient water in Parambikulam Aliyar dam

* Treated as laid on the Table of the House.

and Thirumoorthy Dam, the Government of Tamil Nadu, is not taking any steps to release the water to Uppar Dam.

I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources to take up the issue on priority and direct the authorities to release the water from Parambikulam Aliyaru Dam to Uppar Dam every year for irrigation purposes.